



# COPS FOR AUTOS

## Motorists on County Roads in Cook County Are to Have Better Protection Than Before

### And Law Breaking Speeders Are to Have a Better Chance to Receive Punishment for Violations

Seventy new highway policemen, mounted on motorcycles, will patrol country roads. This number was decided upon by the judges of the Circuit Court, although shortly after their decision was announced Hayden N. Bell, counsel for the county board, issued a statement in which he gave it as his opinion that the action of the judges was illegal. Mr. Bell contends that the county board has no right to appropriate money for the salaries of the rural police for the sheriff's office.

Several weeks ago Sheriff Charles F. Peters petitioned the judges for permission to appoint 125 highway deputies. Each man was to supply his own motorcycle and the county was to pay him \$125 a month and allow a certain amount for the upkeep of his machine.

City Comptroller Harding announced that bonds totaling \$6,780,000 were retired Tuesday. Deputy Comptroller Gosselin said the municipality also was ready to meet payment of accrued interest on bonds to the amount of \$1,440,000.

The Board of Education asks the City Council to levy a tax of \$52,100,000 for school purposes in 1922.

For educational purposes \$36,000,000 must be provided, while \$14,000,000 is to go for new school buildings and text books call for \$150,000,000.

The sum of \$600,000 is asked for playgrounds adjacent to public school buildings, which have been taken over from the city by the board of education by the terms of a new law passed by the last legislature.

Senator Medill McCormick on Tuesday held a council with State's Attorney Crowe. It had to do largely with the Cook county towns situation. Mr. Crowe is very anxious to have the Chicago anti city hall Republicans form a coalition with the country town leaders, such as Coroner Peter Hoffman, Assessor William H. Weber, William Busse and other county commissioners.

## MINERS' LEADER CANCELS MEETING

John L. Lewis Says Operators Refuse to Attend Wage Parley at Pittsburgh.

## UNION CHIEF HITS OWNERS

Essential, From Standpoint of Public Interest, That Joint Conference Be Held—Says Employers Have "Forgotten" Obligations.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—The meeting of coal operators of the central competitive field with officers of the United Mine Workers of America, called to meet at Pittsburgh, Friday, to determine a wage scale, was called off by John L. Lewis, president of the union.

**Operators Refused to Attend.**  
The meeting was called, Lewis pointed out in a formal statement, in line with the joint wage agreement expiring April 1. The coal operators of Indiana and Illinois conditionally accepted the invitation but the operators of western Pennsylvania and the two largest districts of Ohio "unqualifiedly refused" to participate, Lewis said.

"It would be futile to convene such a meeting," Lewis said.

a meeting, with a representative representation of the operating interests of the central competitive field," the union chief averred, and he has today been reluctantly compelled to notify interested parties that the proposed joint meeting has been canceled.

**Lewis Assails Operators.**  
Taking to task the operators for having "seemingly forgotten or ignored their obligations," Mr. Lewis said it is essential "from a standpoint of public interest" that a joint meeting be held.

"In no other way can the problems of the coal industry be solved, and in due time circumstances will compel such a meeting," he declared, adding that the mine workers will be prepared to participate in such a meeting "when ever it becomes possible for them to do so."

Unless a drastic cut is made in expenditures during the present year the big surplus piled up in the city's water fund in previous administrations will be replaced by a deficit before the end of 1922.

The comptroller's report shows that the water department started the year 1921 with a surplus of \$2,123,622. When the department opened business for 1922 the surplus had dropped to \$1,028,722, less than half the amount on hand twelve months before.

Mayor Thompson announced to the city council his resignation as president of the Pageant of Progress.

In a message to the council the mayor explained that his resignation was brought about in view of recent court decisions holding that it was improper for the mayor of the city to engage in enterprises other than his official duties, even though such enterprises brought him no financial benefit.

Uncle Sam could expedite mail delivery by ordering all of the big mail trucks off all boulevards. When the driver of a big mail truck strikes a boulevard he forgets all about speed in his great act of hogging the middle of the road and crowding ordinary people to the curb.

George E. Brennan predicts a great Democratic victory this year. He says the Wilson administration left the country prosperous and the Republicans have upset everything. Nothing, he says, can prevent the election of a Democratic congress next fall.

Taxable property in the state of Illinois shows a shrinkage of \$33,049,974 for the year, according to final figures of the state tax commission. The total valuation of property for the year is \$4,201,901,456.

County Treasurer Patrick J. Carr has turned over more interest on the public money than any of his predecessors in office.

William J. Healy is growing in strength as a Republican Candidate for Mayor.

Ha! Ha! Now there's another failure to connect the public dough with the public treasury. At least a shortage of \$8,132.75 in the accounts of six former clerks of the Appellate court has been reported to Attorney General Brundage by Francis P. Brady, the present clerk, together with a request for an opinion as to how to proceed to collect the money.

Mr. Brady, desiring to protect himself against any shortage for which he might be held liable, caused an audit of the accounts of the office. This was completed recently, and he made a demand on his immediate predecessor, James B. McInerney, for the total amount found to be missing, \$8,132.75. Mr. McInerney said he was liable on his bond for the amount that the audit showed to be due for

the period of his term of office, but, it is said, refused to be responsible for any previous shortage.

The amounts found to be due from the last six clerks of the court follow: Eli Smith, \$953.20; John J. Healy, \$595; Thomas G. McElligott, \$957.35; Thomas N. Jamieson, \$1,-

## EAGLETS.

Country Town Republicans in their independent organization are talking of Pete Hoffman for governor. He is a good man and wears a big hat.

If former Mayor Harrison would shake some of the political offal that formerly clung to his skirts he might be re-elected mayor. Harrison's record does not smell bad, but that of some of his lieutenants does.

The County Clerk's office, presided over by Robert M. Sweitzer, is a model for service, efficiency and politeness to the public doing business with it.

Coroner Pete Hoffman's branch of the Republican party locally has renounced the Thompson wing and for a short time will flock by itself.

William Ganschow, one of the most popular of the big West Side manufacturers, is strongly backed by his many friends for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer. Mr. Ganschow is well known through his many public connections. He is a West Park Commissioner and is also one of the most useful members of the Constitutional Convention.

It is possible that our popular coroner, Pete Hoffman, will have a ticket of his own in the field at the spring primary for county offices.

# RIGHEIMER FIRM

## County Judge Will Stand by His Old Allies in the Republican Party Standing by Thompson

### Anti-Thompson People Decide to Go Into Primary but Will Nominate at Big Mass Meeting

Judge Frank S. Righeimer of the County Court is going to stand by Mayor Thompson and his allies in the local Republican fight. This announcement sets at rest all rumors that the Judge had deserted the City Hall.

In his formal announcement of his

delegates from the 2,481 election precincts of Chicago and the country towns, and will try to nominate them at the polls.

Henry R. Rathbone, former president of the Hamilton Club, announces his candidacy for Congressman-at-Large to succeed William E. Mason.

"I have had the matter under consideration for a long time," said Mr. Rathbone in his announcement. "Perhaps the factor that determined my decision was the indorsement that I had received from the downstate press of Illinois. More than 100 newspapers outside of Chicago have pledged me their support either through their news or editorial columns and my friends inform me that it is an unusual indorsement. Later I will have something to say about the platform which will be the basis of my campaign."

The 23d ward Republican organization, headed by Attorney General Edward J. Brundage, had a love feast at the Parkway Hotel, several hundred men and women precinct leaders attending. The program was elaborate, including a banquet, musical entertainment, dancing and a Christmas tree. Santa Claus was impersonated by Ald. Walter P. Stetten and he had gifts for every one present. Mr. Brundage was presented with an oil painting of "The Attorney General of Old." Ald. Thomas O. Wallace presided.

At Tuesday's Council meeting a speech was made by Alderman Tony Cermak indorsing a resolution that copies of the beer and light wines resolution passed by council last week be sent broadcast throughout the land.

"You may call me an anarchist if you please," said Mr. Cermak, "and the press and people can say what they please, but I am here to say that if the city police of Chicago are used to arrest people making home brew in their own homes for their own use there will be an uprising."

## YANK CLASHES WITH WATSON

Former Lieutenant Before Senate Committee Tells of Shooting Soldier.

## NOOSES FOUND ON WAR DEAD

Hangman's Ropes and Black Caps on Some Bodies, Employee of Graves' Registration Bureau Tells the Senate Probers.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Everett Cochran of Savannah, a former lieutenant, appeared before the senate committee investigating Senator Watson's charges that Yanks were illegally killed in France "to answer charges made against me by Senator Watson."

"Senator Watson has made no charges against you, sir," shot back Watson, "and don't you come here attacking me."

Cochran had been accused of shooting a soldier in France while he was a member of the command of Col. William Hayward, now of the New York district attorney's office.

**Self-Defense Claimed.**  
Senator Watson had offered the committee a letter from Colonel Hayward in which he said he had caused Cochran to be transferred from his regiment after the shooting because his usefulness had ended. Cochran admitted shooting the man—a negro.

"I was driving in a cart to the scene of a nearby disturbance when this negro stepped out and grabbed hold of the horse," he said. "After he

had refused several times to get go and had threatened me with the carbine slung over his shoulder, I shot him dead. Colonel Hayward ordered me tried so there could be no question about my action. The court acquitted me in ten minutes. I was transferred at my request."

**Tells of Shooting.**

Polk Golden of Newnan, Ga., who said he could neither read nor write and "never could keep track of months," told of the killing of a comrade on orders of a major. The comrade, he said had gone to a spring for water after a march, without water, of 24 hours.

Golden said his captain's name was "Captain Lesame." Colonel Bethel identified this officer as Capt. Francis Lasseigne, retired, 206 Monroe street, Madison, Wis.

Golden also described the killing of another soldier who, he said, was within a few feet of him when he was shot down by a lieutenant for failure to report to his company on time, in the course of a march.

Previously Rufus P. Hubbard, formerly of the graves registration service, had told of finding three bodies in a graveyard at Bazailles with ropes around their necks and black caps over their heads.

Hubbard accused the American graves registration service of "too much hurry." "The result was that many mistakes were made," he said. "Men, not properly identified, were sent back to parents."

"You don't know whether the bodies you spoke of were of men executed according to law?" asked Brundage.

"I do not," replied Hubbard.

He said he thought two of the bodies were of negroes and one of a white man, but was not certain.

**Hanging After Trial.**

"I executed a man at Bazailles. I tied the knot and put the rope around his neck," testified Don Jacobson of Guthrie, Okla., a former sergeant of Company B, Five Hundred and Fourth engineers.

"Did he have a trial?" asked Senator Brundage.

"Yes," replied Jacobson, who added that the victim, a negro, was placed in the coffin with a rope around his neck and the black cap over his head. "When was this hanging?" asked Watson.

"February 4, 1918."

"Did the man make any statement?"

"He said: 'I die an innocent man,'" Harry W. Segal of Dorchester, Mass., told the committee he saw two negroes taken from their barracks at Gieves one morning and strung up on the gallows. He gave the name of Lieutenant Colonel Hahn as the man who directed the hangings.

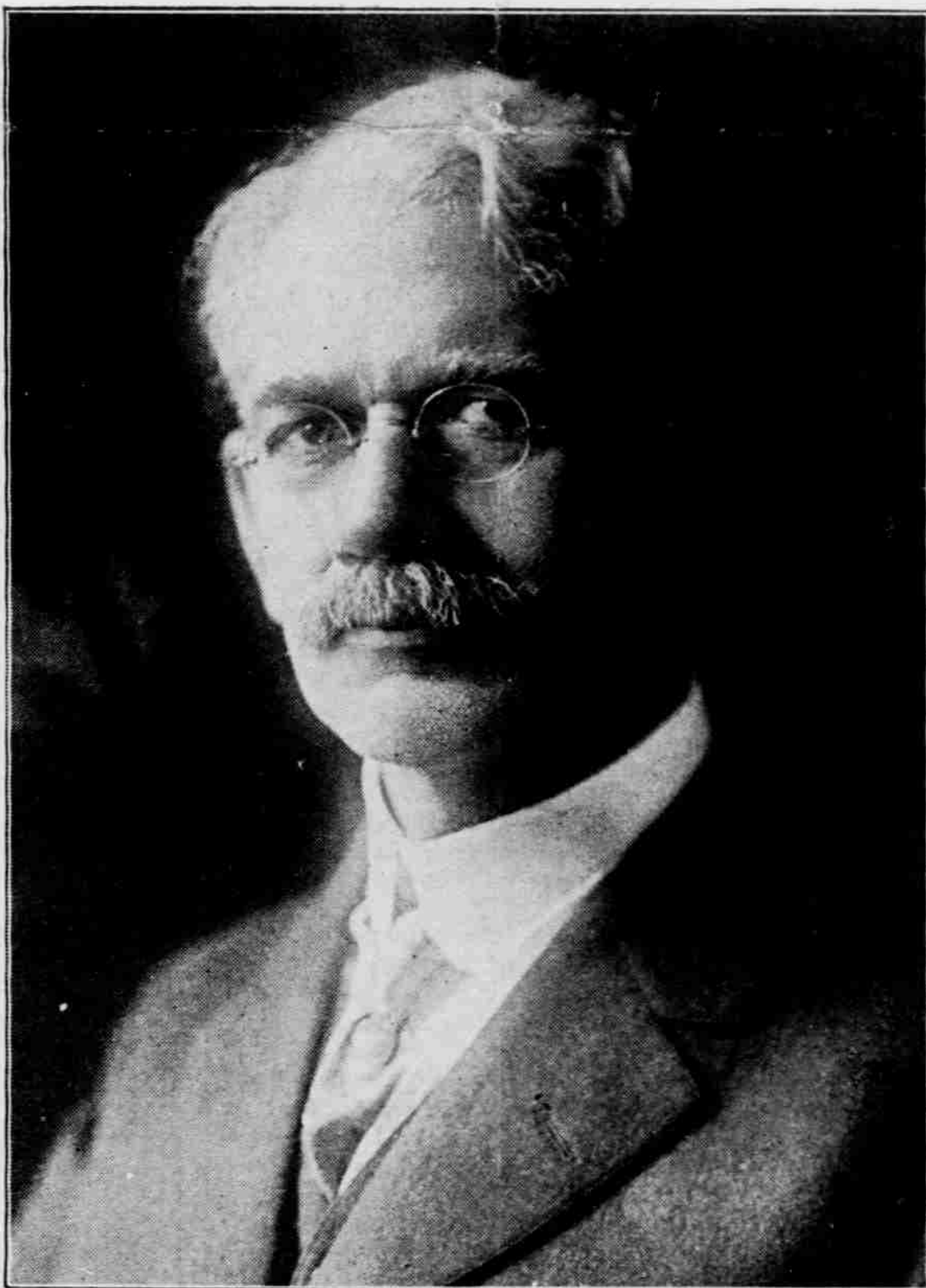
Lou Houseman, one of the most popular of Chicago newspaper men and publicity manager for Woods' Theater, has been elected president of the Press Club.

Dennis J. Egan is growing in strength every day for the Democratic mayoralty nomination.

Dixon C. Williams, the well known manufacturer, deserves well at the hands of the Democratic party. He is a born leader.

Joseph F. Haas, one of the greatest vote getters in the Republican party, may be the next mayor of Chicago.

Colonel August W. Miller, whose record as clerk of the Circuit Court is praised by all, is often mentioned for higher political honors.



EDMUND D. HULBERT.  
President of the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, the Corn Exchange National Bank and the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank.

\$37.95; Alfred R. Porter, \$2,550.33; James S. McInerney, \$1,708.93.

Attorney General Brundage is expected to render an opinion soon as to whether Mr. McInerney can be held liable for the entire amount missing.

Daniel Ryan continues to make friends as President of the County Board.

That bright, able and popular young Democrat, James M. Whalen, will probably lead the Democratic party to victory next year as a candidate for Trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago. He will fill the place with credit both to himself and to the people who elect him.

James V. O'Donnell will be elected Superior Judge next year.

John McGillen would make an ideal president of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

In George W. Jackson Chicago has an engineer whose advice will lead it safely out of many civic problems.

Charles Center Case, who made a splendid record as assistant state's attorney, would make a good judge.

Edgar A. Jonas would make a good judge. He is one of the most popular members of the bar.

William H. Malone has always been victorious in politics because he is always on the side of truth and justice.

Dennis J. Egan would make a good mayor in the opinion of many people.